

specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Have served outside the geographical limits of the Republic of Vietnam and contributed direct combat support to the Republic of Vietnam and Armed Forces for 6 months. Such individuals must meet the criteria established for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam) or the Vietnam Service Medal, during the period of service required to qualify for the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

(3) Have served as in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section for less than 6 months and have been one of the following:

- (i) Wounded by hostile forces.
- (ii) Captured by hostile forces, but later escaped, was rescued or released.
- (iii) Killed in action or otherwise in line of duty.

(4) Personnel assigned in the Republic of Vietnam on January 28, 1973 must meet one of the following:

- (i) Served a minimum of 60 days in the Republic of Vietnam as of that date.
- (ii) Completed a minimum of 60 days service in the Republic of Vietnam during the period from January 28, 1973 to March 28, 1973, inclusive.

(c) Eligibility for award under authority of this paragraph is limited to the period from March 1, 1961 to March 2, 1973, inclusive. Eligibility for acceptance of this award solely by virtue of service performed prior to March 1, 1961 or subsequent to March 1973 is governed by AR 600-8-22, paragraph 9-8.

(d) The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960) and the miniature medal are items of individual purchase.

§ 578.130 Kuwait Liberation Medal—Saudi Arabia.

(a) The Kuwait Liberation Medal is awarded by the Government of Saudi Arabia to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and authorized by DOD on January 3, 1992.

(b) It is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. who participated in Operation DESERT STORM between January 17, 1991 and February 28, 1991 in one or more of the following areas: Persian Gulf; Red Sea; Gulf of Oman; that portion of the Arabian Sea

that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude; the Gulf of Aden; or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

(c) To be eligible personnel must meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) Be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore operations.

(2) Be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participate as a crew member in one or more aerial flights supporting military operations in the areas designated above.

(4) Serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days during the period January 17, 1991 to February 28, 1991 under any of the criteria in paragraphs (b)(1) through (3) of this section. This time limit may be waived by HQ, USA HRC (AHRC-PDO-PA) for people participating in actual combat operations.

(d) The eligibility period and geographic boundaries were specified by the Government of Saudi Arabia and may not be waived.

(e) Posthumous award to the next of kin of any soldier who lost his or her life, while, or as a direct result of, participating in Operation DESERT STORM between January 17, 1991 and February 28, 1991, without regard to the length of such service, will be made by HQ, USA AHRC (AHRC-PDO-PA).

(f) The Kuwait Liberation Medal, ribbon, and miniature medal are items of individual purchase. The Army accomplished an initial issue to eligible personnel from a one-time stock provided by the Government of Saudi Arabia in 1992.

(g) *Description.* The medal is $1\frac{25}{32}$ inches in width and is described as follows: On a gold sunburst with stylized silver rays, a glob depicting the Arabian Peninsula encircled by a wreath of palm between a scroll in the base inscribed "Liberation of Kuwait" and at the top a palm tree issuing from two diagonally crossed sabers, all gold. The ribbon is $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: $\frac{5}{32}$ inch Old Glory